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AMCONSUL IBADAN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, PINS, PINT, NI

SUBJECT: COUP IN NIGERIA

IN EARLY MORNING HOURS NIGERIA RADIO BEGAN ANNOUNCING

"CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP". COLONEL JOSEPH N. GARBA (COMMANDER

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BRIGADE OF GUARDS) WAS ANNOUNCING AT 30-MINUTE INTERVALS THAT

(PARAPHRASE) IN VIEW OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN COUNTRY  
NIGERIAN ARMED FORCES HAVE DECIDED TO EFFECT  
CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN FMG. AS OF NOW GENERAL YAKUBU GOWON CEASES  
TO BE HEAD OF STATE (GOWON PRESENTLY AT KAMPALA SUMMIT) AND  
HEAD OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

2. GARBA, APPEALED TO CITIZENS TO BE CALM, DECLARED TODAY  
"WORK-FREE DAY", DECLARED DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW, DECLARED  
NIGERIAN AIRWAYS OPERATIONS SUSPENDED (IKEJA AND KANO INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORTS CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC) AND BORDERS CLOSED.  
GARBA SAID THE OPERATION HAD BEEN BLOODLESS, BUT  
WARNED THE POPULACE TO BE LAW ABIDING. ANYONE DISTURBING  
PUBLIC ORDER WOULD BE SUMMARILY DEALT WITH.

3. SOME OBSERVERS HAVE HEARD NAME BRIG. IBRAHIM B. M. HARUNA,  
COMMANDER FIRST DIVISION KADUNA, MENTIONED  
IN CONNECTION COUP WITH GARBA AS LAGOS SPOKESMAN.

4. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS AS AVAILABLE.

5. AMERICANS AND U.S. INSTALLATIONS UNHARMED.

6. TELEX SERVICE IS OUT THROUGHOUT THE CITY, BOTH CLASSIFIED  
AND UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGES SHOULD BE PASSED VIA TCU LAGOS.  
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